

Surah 67 Surah Mulk

THE KINGDOM

THE LINK BETWEEN SURAH MULK AND THE PRECEDING SURAHS

The Surahs from *Surah Hadeed* up to *Surah Tahreem* discuss funding and waging Jihaad for the cause of *Towheed*. The subsequent Surahs, from *Surah Mulk* until *Surah Jinn* discuss another aspect of *Towheed* i.e. the fact that Allaah is the source of all blessings. *Surah Mulk* presents many logical proofs to substantiate the assertion.

Surah Qalam which follows *Surah Mulk* states that the Muslims should never compromise their beliefs even though the Kuffaar are prepared to make concessions in their beliefs. *Surah Haaga* which follows *Surah Qalam* describes the awful plight in the *Aakhirah* of those who reject this belief.

A SUMMARY OF THE SURAH

This *Surah* contains the following:

- * Several logical proofs to show that Allaah is the source of all blessings.
These are mentioned in verses 1 to 5 and in 15, 19 and 24.
- * Warnings of punishment to the Kuffaar.
- * Glad tidings to the *Mu'mineen*.
- * Methods of propagation.

سُورَةُ الْمُلْكِ مَكِّيَّةٌ وَهُوَ ثَلَاثُونَ آيَةً وَفِيهَا اَرْكَوْعَانِ

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

In the name of Allaah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful

تَبَارَكَ الَّذِیْ بِيْدهِ الْمُلْكُ وَهُوَ عَلٰی كُلِّ شَیْءٍ قَدِیْرٌ ۝١

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

1. Most Exalted is the Being in Whose control is all of the kingdom (everything in the universe) and Who has power over everything.

الَّذِیْ خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَیْوةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ اَیُّكُمْ اَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا وَهُوَ الْعَزِیْزُ الْغَفُوْرُ ۝٢

2. He has created death and life to test which of you carry out the best acts (during his/her lifetime before death). He is the Mighty (no one can escape from Him), the Most Forgiving.

الَّذِیْ خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمٰوٰتٍ طَبَقًاۤ اِمَّا تَرٰی فِیْ خَلْقِ الرَّحْمٰنِ مِنْ تَفٰوُتٍ فَاَرْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ هَلْ تَرٰی مِنْ فُطُوْرٍ ۝٣

3. He has created the seven heavens in layers. You will not see any inconsistency (defects) in Allaah's creation. Look again. Do you see any cracks (in the sky)?

ثُمَّ اَرْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ كَرَّتِیْنِ يَنْقَلِبْ اِلَیْكَ الْبَصَرُ خَاسِئًا وَهُوَ حَسِیْرٌ ۝٤

4. Look again and once again (as many times as you please) and your gaze will return embarrassed (defeated) and exhausted (unable to see any defects).

وَلَقَدْ زَیَّنَّا السَّمَاءَ الدُّنْیَا بِمَصٰبِیْحٍ وَجَعَلْنٰهَا رُجُوْمًا لِّلشَّیْطٰنِ وَاَعْتَدْنَا لَهُمْ عَذَابَ السَّعِیْرِ ۝٥

5. Indeed we have adorned the nearest (lowest) sky with lanterns (stars) and have made them (the stars) a means of pelting the Shayaaateen (see verses 6-10 of Surah 37). (In addition to this,) We have prepared for them (the Shayaaateen) the punishment of the Blaze (Jahannam).

وَالَّذِیْنَ كَفَرُوْا بِرَبِّهِمْ عَذَابُ جَهَنَّمَ وَاِیْسَ الْمَصِیْرُ ۝٦

6. The punishment of Jahannam shall be for those who disbelieve in their Rabb and it is indeed an evil place to return to (with the satans).

إِذَا الْقُوفَىٰ سَمِعُوا لِهَا شَهِيْقًا وَهِيَ تَفُورُ ۝٧

7. When they are thrown into it, they will hear it roar as it rages (in addition to it being a raging inferno, Jahannam will also be angry with the Kuffaar).

تَكَادُ تَمَيِّزُ مِنَ الْغَيْظِ كَمَا أَلْقَىٰ فِيهَا فَوْجٌ سَأَلَهُمْ خَزَنَتُهَا أَلَمْ يَأْتِكُمْ نَذِيرٌ ۝٨

8. (It will be raging so greatly that) It will seem as if it is about to burst out of fury. Each time a group (of people) is thrown into it, its keeper will ask, “(How did you end up here?) Did a warner (Nabi) not come to you (to warn you about this place)?”

قَالُوا بَلَىٰ قَدْ جَاءَنَا نَذِيرٌ فَكَذَّبْنَا وَقُلْنَا مَا نَزَّلَ اللَّهُ مِنْ شَيْءٍ إِنْ أَنْتُمْ إِلَّا فِي ضَلَالٍ كَبِيرٍ ۝٩

9. They will reply, “Certainly. A warner surely came to us but we rejected (his message) and said, ‘Allaah had not revealed anything (to you). You are merely in great error.’”

وَقَالُوا لَوْ كُنَّا نَسْمَعُ أَوْ نَعْقِلُ مَا كُنَّا فِي أَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ ۝١٠

10. They will also say, “If we had listened (to the warnings of the Ambiyaa) or understood (made an effort to understand what the Ambiyaa told us), we would not be among the inmates (dwellers) of the Blaze.”

فَاعْتَرَفُوا بِذَنبِهِمْ فَسُحْقًا لِأَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ ۝١١

11. So (saying,) they will confess their sins (their kufr). May the inmates of the Blaze be distanced (from Allaah's mercy)!

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَخْشَوْنَ رَبَّهُم بِالْغَيْبِ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَأَجْرٌ كَبِيرٌ ۝١٢

12. Indeed those (Mu'mineen) who fear their Rabb without (even) seeing Him (knowing that He certainly sees them, they) shall have forgiveness and a great reward (in the Aakhirah).

وَأَسْرَوْا قَوْلَكُمْ أَوِ اجْهَرُوا بِهِ إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ۝١٣

13. (Whether you) Speak secretly or openly, verily He (Allaah) has knowledge of (even) the secrets of the heart. (Besides everything you say and do, Allaah knows even what you believe and think.)

الْأَعْيُنُ مَنْ خَلَقَ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ ۝١٤

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14. Does the One Who created *(you and your actions)* **not know** *(everything about you and what you do), when He has knowledge of* *(even that which is)* **mysterious** *(to man)* **and is** *(fully)* **Informed?**

هُوَ الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمُ الْأَرْضَ ذُلُولًا فَامْشُوا فِي مَنَاكِبِهَا وَكُلُوا مِنْ رِزْقِهِ وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ ﴿١٤﴾

15. It is He Who placed the earth at your service so walk on its roads *(use the natural pathways through its mountains and forests)* **and eat from His sustenance. To Him shall you be raised** *(on the Day of Qiyaamah).*

أَمْ أَنْتُمْ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاءِ أَنْ يَخْسِفَ بِكُمُ الْأَرْضَ فَإِذَا هِيَ تَمُورُ ﴿١٥﴾

16. Do you have no fear that *(if you continue committing kufr and sinning)* **He in the heavens will cause the earth to swallow you up after which it would quake?**

أَمْ أَنْتُمْ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاءِ أَنْ يُرْسِلَ عَلَيْكُمْ حَاصِبًا فَسَتَعْلَمُونَ كَيْفَ نَذِيرٌ ﴿١٦﴾

17. Or do you have no fear that He in the heavens would send a devastating windstorm against you? Soon *(if you are destined to suffer punishment in this world,)* **you shall come to know how** *(true)* **My warnings are.** *(However, if you are not destined to suffer punishment in this world for your kufr and sins, you shall certainly receive it in the Akhirah.)*

وَلَقَدْ كَذَّبَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ فَكَيْفَ كَانَ نَكِيرٌ ﴿١٧﴾

18. Verily those before them *(present day Kuffaar)* **rejected** *(the message of their Ambiyaa ﷺ), so how* *(devastating)* **was My punishment** *(when it arrived) ?* *(The Kuffaar must learn lessons from the destruction of past nations and mend their ways.)*

أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا إِلَى الطَّيْرِ فَوْقَهُمْ صَافٍ وَيَقِظُنَّ مِنْهُ لَمَّا امْسَكَهُمْ إِلَّا الرَّحْمَنُ إِنَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ بَصِيرٌ ﴿١٨﴾

19. Have they not seen *(the power of Allaah in)* **the birds above them spreading their wings out and folding them in** *(without falling down)?* **It is only Ar-Rahmaan Who keeps them suspended in the air. Verily He is Watchful over everything** *(and has complete control over everything).*

أَمَّنْ هَذَا الَّذِي هُوَ جُنْدٌ لَكُمْ يَنْصَرُّكُمْ مِنْ دُونِ الرَّحْمَنِ إِنَّ الْكَافِرِينَ فِي عُرْوٍ ﴿١٩﴾

20. Besides Ar-Rahmaan, who can be your army to assist you *(against calamities and problems)?* *(None besides Allaah can be of any assistance.)* **Indeed, the Kaafiroon are** *(lost in)* **in deception** *(by thinking that their gods can assist them).*

أَمَّنْ هَذَا الَّذِي يَرِيكُمْ أَنَّ أَمْسَكَ رِزْقَهُ بَلْ لَجُّوا فِي عُتُوٍّ وَنُفُورٍ ﴿٢٠﴾

21. Who can give you sustenance if He Who sustains you (Allaah) stops providing for you? (No one else.) However, (despite acknowledging that Only Allaah sustains them,) they (the Kuffaar) adamantly continue their rebellion and enmity (for the truth of Towheed).

أَفَمَنْ يَمْشِي مُكِبًّا عَلَى وَجْهِهِ أَهْدَىٰ أَمَّنْ يَمْشِي سَوِيًّا عَلَىٰ صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿٢١﴾

22. Is the one who grovels in fear or stumbles in doubt and fear more rightly guided (more likely to reach his destination) than he who walks upright on the straight path? (In a similar manner, the Mu'min who walks the straight path of Islaam without swaying to either extreme is more likely to attain salvation in the Aakhirah than the Kaafir who has no direction in life.)

قُلْ هُوَ الَّذِي أَنشَأَكُمْ وَجَعَلَ لَكُمُ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَارَ وَالْأَفْئِدَةَ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٢٢﴾

23. Say, "It is Allaah Who created you and gave you ears, eyes and hearts (and every other faculty for which you cannot ever repay Him). (However,) Little is the gratitude that you show." (Besides failing to express verbal gratitude, many people even fail to use the favours of Allaah in a manner that pleases Him.)

قُلْ هُوَ الَّذِي ذَرَأَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَإِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ ﴿٢٣﴾

24. Say, "It is Allaah Who spread you out on earth and it is to Him that you shall be gathered (after death)."

وَيَقُولُونَ مَتَىٰ هَذَا الْوَعْدُ إِن كُنتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٢٤﴾

25. They (the Kuffaar) say, "When will this promise (Qiyaamah) take place if you are truthful?"

قُلْ إِنَّمَا الْعِلْمُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَإِنَّمَا أَنَا نَذِيرٌ مُبِينٌ ﴿٢٥﴾

26. Say (to them, O Rasoolullaah ﷺ), "This knowledge (about when Qiyaamah will take place) lies exclusively (solely) with Allaah. I am only a clear warner (warning you about its arrival so that you prepare for it)."

فَلَمَّا رَأَوْهُ زُلْفَةً سَيئَتْ وُجُوهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا وَقِيلَ هَذَا الَّذِي كُنتُم بِهِ تَدَّعُونَ ﴿٢٦﴾

27. When they will see it (the punishment of the Aakhirah) approaching close (drawing near), the faces of the Kuffaar will contort (disfigure with fear) and it will be said, "This is what you used to ask for."

قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَهْلَكْنِي اللَّهُ وَمَنْ مَعِيَ أَوْ رَحِمَنَا فَمَنْ يُجِيرُ الْكَافِرِينَ مِنْ عَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ ﴿٢٧﴾

28. (O Rasulullaah ﷺ) Say (to the Kuffaar), “Tell me. If Allaah destroys me and everyone with me (as you Kuffaar prefer) or (if, according to our expectations, Allaah) showers mercy on us (for we are convinced that we will enter Jannah), who can save (protect) the Kuffaar from a painful punishment (in the Aakhirah, which will certainly come to them)?”

قُلْ هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ أَمَّنَّا بِهِ وَعَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْنَا فَسَتَعْلَمُونَ مَنْ هُوَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿٢٨﴾

29. Say, “He is Ar-Rahmaan. We believe in Him and trust in Him. (He will rescue us from every difficulty.) Soon (when you see your punishment either in this world or in the Aakhirah) you (Kuffaar) shall come to know who (weather you or we) are in open error.”

قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَصْبَحَ مَاؤُكُمْ غَوْرًا فَمَنْ يَأْتِيكُمْ بِمَاءٍ مَّعِينٍ ﴿٢٩﴾

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30. (If the Kuffaar still adamantly refuse to accept Allaah as the Only Ilaah, then) Say (to them), “Tell me. If your water sinks to the depths of the earth (beyond your reach), who (which of your gods) can provide you with pure water?” (When their gods cannot even provide them with water, how will they possibly save them from Allaah's punishment?)